

# In The Spotlight

The Midwest Skills Development Center is a project of the Lake Superior Community Partnership Foundation (LSCPF). The Line Tech program is located at 411 Avenue A, Gwinn, Michigan.

The Electrical Line Technician Program began its 4th year of training in August of 2006. The program is one that utility companies have requested be offered because of their current and future need of trained line technicians, and is certified by Northern Michigan University.

The program is a pre-apprenticeship program that prepares students to install, maintain and operate electrical systems to supply energy to residential, commercial and industrial customers and underground generation facilities.

**Graduates of the Electrical Line Technician Training Program are**

## LINE TECH PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

able to:

- Construct electrical transmission systems
- Relate electrical theory to electric power systems
- Work comfortably at heights

- Climb poles and towers
- Identify substation components
- Operate electrical power distribution equipment
- Troubleshoot power distribution systems
- Communicate technical information
- Construct power distribution systems
- Identify methods of electrical generation
- Demonstrate working knowledge of computers
- Obtain Commercial Driver's License certification

Successful applicants must be 18 years of age, have a valid driver's license and be a high school or GED graduate. Students are selected based on application, skills assessment and personal interview process.

For more information contact the

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888-578-6489 or send an email to Cookie at [cookie@marquette.org](mailto:cookie@marquette.org).



Brenda Njiwaji and Gwen Timmons from the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth recently visited the Midwest Skills Development Center's Electrical Line Tech School at KI Sawyer. Shown is Lead Instructor, Jerry LaPage, explaining field drills to Njiwaji and Timmons.